GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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POWER PLANT WITH JOINT VENTURE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways spends Rs. 5200 crores on electricity which works out to be Rs. 4-5 per unit consumption;

(b) if so, whether Railways propose to set up its own power plan to meet the requirement with joint venture;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Railways have initiated discussion with central power utilities; and

(e) if so, the discussion so far held and detailed plan chalked out for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir. Expenditure on electrical energy for the year 2005-06 for traction purpose was Rs. 4391 crores and for non-traction purpose was Rs. 978 crores. The average charges of electricity for operation of trains (traction) for the year 2005-06 was 422 paisa per unit and the average charges of electricity for other than train operation was 424 paisa per unit.

(b) & (c) Railways are establishing a captive power plant of 1000 Mega Watt (MW) capacity at Nabinagar, district Aurangabad, Bihar in collaboration with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited. This has been included in Railway Budget for the year 2007-08.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Power has allocated 100 MW power from NTPC for New Delhi- Kanpur section and 80 MW power from Sipat Thermal Power Station (STPS) for Bilaspur-Nagpur section of South East Central Railway.